

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes 3/3/11

Present: Gordon Jamieson(co-chair), Ruth Yannetti (DPW), Charlotte Milan (Sustainable Arlington), Nigel Krauss, Pete Howard (Secretary)

TONNAGE: Gordon reported that the waste tonnage has continued to decrease on an annualized basis. to 14,750 T.

PAYT: Pete reported that the FinCom received a presentation from Ryan Ferrara, Carolyn Dann and him. They asked for FinCom support and suggested a budget w/ & w/o PAYT. They suggested that a vote be delayed until after the Vision 2020 Survey results are available in mid-March. Pete circulated a version of that presentation prepared for the BoS to be given on 3/28. The group discussed and endorsed the recommendations. We will seek to pack the hearing room with supporters.

COMPOSTING BIN PROMOTION: Ruth reported that both the \$52 tarpaper bins and the \$119 plastic spherical bins will be available leading up to and at Eco Fest. After some discussion, the ARC agreed to subsidize sale of both bins at \$30/bin. The Town will subsidize the tarpaper bins at \$2. So the sale price will be \$20 & \$89 for the tarpaper & plastic bins respectively. Ruth will advertise bins via the Public Info Officer.

ARC BUDGET: Gordon suggested to the FinCom that the ARC budget be offset from the White Goods Recycling Revolving Fund instead of by a direct appropriation. As of 7/1/10 this fund balance was \$27.8k. Gordon said that more recently it was substantially larger. The FinCom voted to zero the budget & promised to talk w/ the Manager about using the revolving fund. ARC members are uncomfortable with this result. Pete to investigate.

RECYCLING PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

- Collection bin network: not discussed
- E-Alert Recycling reminders: Not discussed
- Give your stuff away .. May 14th .. Residents must be informed. They must not leave stuff on curb at the end of the day. Ruth will clear this w/ police & BoH.
- MassRecycle's .. Not discussed
- Advocate series Not discussed
- Community collection day .. 5/7 Not discussed

ECO FEST Ruth provided a flyer (Ref 1) She requested 2 volunteers during the 10-2 period. Gordon asked for 2 shifts. Pete, Nigel & Gordon.volunteered. Juli will schedule on line.

NEXT MEETING

April 7 at 7:30, Town Hall Annex
Ref 1 Eco Fest Flyer

EcoFest 2011

**“How YOU affect the Water
that affects YOU”**



Saturday, March 26

10 AM - 2 PM

Arlington Town Hall

730 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington, MA

**Bill Reed will speak at 11:30 on
Regenerative Design**

Healing Ecosystems and the Human Spirit

Margot Fox will perform a Family Concert at 10:30 am

“Our Fragile Earth” Art Exhibit will be displayed on the second floor

- Free Compost from the Lexington Compost Facility
(bring your own container)
 - Environmental Vendor Fair in Auditorium
 - Discounts on Rain Barrels and Composters
- No charge for admission ● Refreshments will be available for sale

Any questions please call Ruth at 781-316-3108 or Patsy at 781-858-8629,
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